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PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 1960

Congratulations to those employees who had perfect attendance during 1960! All of these people were not absent from work for any reason and will get two additional "H" days in the coming year. It is good to see so many of the employees with perfect attendance records. Last year, there were sixty people who did not miss a day.

Standing: Jesus Lopez, Ramon Colon, Julia Gilbert, Louise Haring, Heinz Muncheberg, Doris Nichols, Carl Raminger.
Seated: Doris Warren, Irene Cook, Hedwig Glogner, Birdy James, Mary Ryan, Ruth Mandeville.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR 1960

Standing: Randolph Burrison, Hattie Mae Watson, Cyril McManus, Jaime Canino, Norah Connor, Addie Keith, Katherine Risi, Mildred Stehlik, Jennie deLeeuwerk, Katherine Marshall.
Seated: Leonardo Vicenty, Catherine Ferentinos, Jerome Ilson, George Fletcher, Bella Campbell, Leroy Williams, Eli Vargas, Claire Pellich, Lotte Tedesco.

Other employees who had perfect attendance but are not pictured include: Minnie Barrett, Esther Dermady, Irene Landry, Mary Sprott, Leon Shepard, Camilo Andino, Clyde Bentham, Irene Poggi, Patrick Riordan, Marie J. Beaulieu, Eleanor Bozzalla, Margaret Carroll, Hazel Evans, Josephine Finnessey, Katharine Halstead, Marion Porteous, Mary Speissegger, Dorothy Viskovich, Johanna Von Lubken, Marguerit Strasser, Edwin Soderman, Edith Friberg, Thomas Cannon, Steve McMahon, Arthur Kleiner, Antonio Renta, Mary Brennan, George Cort, Joseph Gaffney and Mary McCarthy. Our congratulations to them!

R.H.

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Personnel.....Ruth Haas
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RETIREMENT TEA HELD

On December 29, 1960, two of Special Surgery's faithful and beloved employees attended a retirement tea held in their honor. Mrs. Evelyn Merendino and Mr. J. Callender Heminway together completed over twenty-eight years at Special Surgery, and, during their stay, earned the love and respect of their fellow employees. We shall miss them, but wish them the best of everything in their new life.

We have received some word from each of them since they have left, and it is printed below.

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To all my Friends at the Hospital for Special Surgery:

I would like to write a personal note to each and everyone of you, but since that is an impossibility, I am sure you will understand if I take this means to say "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for your thoughtfulness and kindness to me upon leaving H.S.S.

I just love your gift of the beautiful sterling silver after dinner coffee service, which was such a wonderful surprise, and I appreciate your kind expression to me on the occasion of my Farewell Tea.

Let me say, it was a sad and happy occasion for me--sad, because of my leaving H.S.S. after 18 years of association--happy, because of the expected arrival in March of a new member of the family. I know you are happy for us, too.

If I may be permitted to say, my association with H.S.S. and the entire hospital family shall continue for the rest of my years, also, if you should ever be in the neighborhood of 140 East 2nd Street, in the good old Borough of Brooklyn (Mr. Young will agree), the welcome mat will always be out.

Again, my sincere thanks, and wishing you all only the best in this new year and all the years to come, I remain

Sincerely,

Evelyn Merendino

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A Note From The Berkshires

To The Editor of the R & C

Dear Sir:

If you have a little extra space on some page when you are pasting up the "dummy", perhaps you can fit this note in it. I do want to tell all of you at H.S.S. how much I enjoyed the party I shared with Mrs. Merendino on December 29th. I also want to thank you for the parting gifts. The Steuben ash tray is beautiful and as for the typewriter! Well, since the days are no more when I could say to a secretary "Miss Pica, please bring in your book and take a letter", I just felt I had to have one so I could "peck and pick" my own letters. There are secretaries up here, some very beautiful ones, but they are generally made of maple or mahogany and are called early American antiques. (See Webster)

Of course, I am sorry to leave Special Surgery. I think everyone is who retires. I have said before that there are many things that are 'special' about Special Surgery beside surgery and one of them is its loyal staff and personnel. Mr. Young asked me before I left to mak a list of the things I did so he could assign the work to others. I told him it was really hard to say for every day seemed to be different. He then wanted to know what in the world he was paying me for. I told him that was a good question, for I sometimes did not think it was right to be paid for having as good a time as I have had 'working' (if that's the word) with all of you.

I have left New York for one of the loveliest spots in New England, in my estimation. Some of you have seen it. Cornwall is not far from New York City and I am sure that many of you will find yourselves driving through this part of New England some day. Remember there is always a welcome here for anyone from H.S.S. It is a small town, only a few more inhabitants than the staff of Special Surgery. Ask anyone where I live and when that person tells you "there ain't nobody here by that name" call me up and I'll tell you how to find our house.

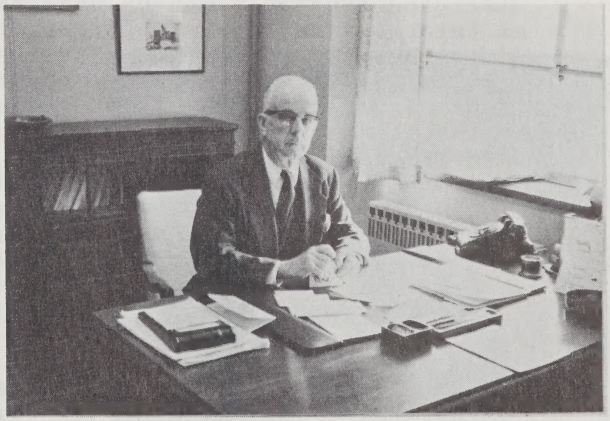
Many thanks again and wishing you all a Very Happy New Year.

J. C. H.

RETIREMENT

TEA

Mr. Lawrence Miller and Mr. and Mrs. T. Gordon Young were among those honoring Cal and Evelyn at the Tea.



J. Callender Heminway

All of us at Special Surgery extend our best wishes to Mrs. Merendino and Mr. Heminway on their retirement. We hope they will keep in touch with us and let us know how they are enjoying their life of leisure!

VOLUNTEERS

1960 was a very good year for the Volunteer Department. A total of 22,586 hours were given to the hospital. 5,495 hours were given in the Clinic area and 3,456 hours were given to the recreation program which has expanded greatly in both daytime and evening activities. We feel justly proud of this record and hope that 1961 will be even a better year.

We were saddened by the loss of two of our valued members--Mrs. Leonard Elms and Mr. Milton Harburger. Mrs. Elms is greatly missed by the entire department, as they were accustomed to seeing her early and late. Her son has given the hospital a sum of money to be used for flowers for the Volunteer teas. This is a fitting memorial as the Tea was always the highlight of the year for her and it gave her great pleasure to give the flowers for the occasion.

With each passing month the Gift Shop realizes how much they miss Mr. Harburger and his untireing efforts in its behalf.

A. MCC

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Dr. and Mrs. J. Paul Harvey are seen enjoying themselves in the sun.

ORTHOPEDIC CONVENTION

The annual Orthopedic Convention was recently held in sunny Miami Beach at the Americana Hotel. Attendence at the scientific meetings was superb. It rained every day of the meeting.

The Hospital was well represented and at many of the activities of the Convention, members of our staff were both being examined and were examing. One of the most frequented scientific exhibits was one from Dr. P. D. Wilson, Jr. and Dr. H. Amstutz. There was also the usual annual exhibit of Dr. Cobb and Veliskakis which was most interesting. In addition, members of the staff of H.S.S. participated in four of the popular instructional courses provided for orthopedic surgeons at the convention.

The H.S.S. Alumni at the meeting met at a luncheon sponsored by Dr. Philip Lichtblau and Dr. Dick Hoover, who are now busily engaged in recouping their losses. It was well attended and there were many useful suggestions for future alumni activities.

Scientific papers were delivered by Dr. Wilson, Jr. and Dr. Amstutz on the hip and by Dr. L. R. Straub on the gouty hand.

B.J., M.D.

Mary "Mollie" McCarthy
1901 - 1961

Mary (Mollie) McCarthy died suddenly at this hospital on Wednesday night, January 11th. She was born (Mary Cronin) in the village of Laughadineen, Bantry, County Cork, Ireland on May 28, 1901. She left her beloved home on May 10th, 1927 and arrived in the United States on May 24th of that year. In the year 1930 great joy came to her life when she married John McCarthy, a boy from her old home. This happiness lasted until 1938 when he passed away. Soon after her arrival in this country she went to work for Fred French and Company, builders of Tudor City. She stayed there until 1934 when the magnet of Special Surgery drew her into its flock of employees. Through the years her wonderful smile was always in evidence throughout the halls of her beloved Special Surgery. She was ever thoughtful of her fellow employees, a girl with a wonderful character and certainly loved by all who knew her. In the last few years she suffered unbearable pains from arthritis, but through all her pains, she always took any tasks assigned to her with a smile. Her cheery smile and pleasant "Good Morning. How are you?" will surely be missed by all of us. All that is left for us to do is to say a prayer for the repose of her soul and I feel sure that from away up above she is praying for all at her beloved Special Surgery. May God in his infinite mercy see fit to grant her eternal rest and salvation.

J.G.

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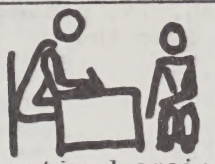
SOCIAL SERVICE NOTES



Under the courageous leadership of Nancy Cohen and her more timorous assistants, about 100 H.S.S. clinic children had a wing-ding at the Union League Christmas Party.

Another heroic lady, Mrs. Lois Racz, has retired again from H.S.S. after two years with the unceasing Adult Orthopedic Clinic. We owe thanks to her for the development and refinement of instant Social Work. She earlier had left in 1952 after three years. Based on this mathematical pattern, we shall expect her back in five years for one more year's thraldon.

Just in case you didn't know the reason for the blissful countenance, Geraldine Lavington recently became Mrs. A.W.

If you're about to throw away any postage stamps, Miss Somera would like to have them for some of the young patients. Some stamps have been so beautiful and interesting, I must confess she may keep them for herself.

M.L.

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A jolly old gentleman bringing gifts to our hospital children.

NIGHTINGALES CHIRP

Good News: Miss Eileen Walsh, 7N, became engaged to Mr. Bill Flahive over the Christmas holiday.

Nursing Education

Miss Clapp was happy to announce that NAPNE has given H.S.S. School of Nursing our accreditation.

Miss Dean Smith attended conference at NLNE the week of January 9, 1961.

Mrs. Selma Katz, Surgical Technician Instructor, is on a leave of absence.

Miss Mary Ellen Brennan taking leave of absence week of January 16, 1961.

Congratulations to Class XIII of our School of Nursing upon their graduation.

Changes in H.S.S. Nursing Staff

Miss Mary Ellen Brennan, Education Department, is going on staff and is being replaced as Clinical Instructor by Miss Mary Jane Quatroche , 7N.

Miss Sally Killian has been appointed Head Nurse on 7N with Peggy O'Brien as her assistant. Best wishes to all four in their new capacities.

See you next month.

M. M.

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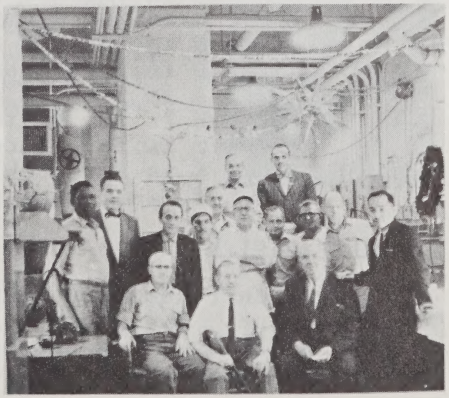
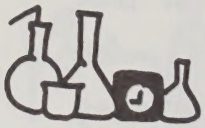
One of the clowns who entertained at Christmas.

The Maintenance Department poses for a Christmas portrait.



RESEARCH BUILDING NEWS ITEMS



Now that the hustle and bustle of the holidays are over, and things have settled down to a quiet routine, we can sit back and reflect on the happenings of the past few weeks. Here are a few of the highlights of last month's busy doings.

Dr. Edward Carey and his wife Jeanne (formerely of the nursing staff) became the proud parents of a boy, Edward J. Carey III.

Edith Schwartz and Gerda Van Leeuwen were elected by Researchers to represent them on the Personnel Committee.

On November 26, many researchers had the happy opportunity to see Beth Sengson walk down the aisle of St. Catherine of Siena Church to become the beautiful bride of Dick Viapiano. After the wedding they took off for the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We all wish them a happy and long life together.

Among those who donned their 10 gallon hats to attend a meeting of the American Rheumatism Association held in Dallas, Texas, were Drs. Freyberg, Mellors, Heimer, Robbins, Ehrlich, Corcos, Nosenzo, Kammerer and Rudd. Papers were presented by Drs. Mellors, Heimer, and Corcos. Everyone received a chuckle when a picture of Dr. Corcos appeared in a Dallas newspaper with the caption "Once a Theory, now a Fact", along with an article describing the symptoms of Scleroderma and the very fine work being done on this rare disease by Drs. Heimer, Corcos, Robbins, and Rogoff.

On December 30th, we bade farewell to Dr. Adam Nowoslawski who returned to his native Warsaw. The following "Ode to Adam" written by Dr. Mellors expressed the feelings of everyone in Research.

ODE TO ADAM

N is for his nature which is nice and entrancing,
'Oh' is an exclamation from those who see him dancing,
W is for his work in which he perserveres,
O is for a circle of friends he endears,
S is for his serums which are as precious as sables,
L is for lissamine with which he often labels.
A is for his artistry and taste, although he wears a vest.
W is for whatever you think sounds best,
S is for sincere words spoken softly,
K is for knowledge of pathology and things lofty
I, well that's me, and I think he's the greatest!

Research Sketch

Adela Leibman (Coca)-was born in the Pampas rich ranch country of the Argentine. She studied for her B.A. and Ph.D. degrees in chemistry in Buenos Aires. Coca has been in the U.S. for four years and is engaged in very precise and careful work in Dr. Heimer's laboratory

on the physical and chemical characteristics of proteins. She formerely was in charge of the Chemistry laboratory in H.S.S.

Coca is an attractive girl with lovely brown eyes and a flair for fashions. She enjoys shopping and has gained the reputation of being an excellent cook and baker.

Welcome Mat

Wang Kim - a technician in Dr. Mellors Laboratory.

Dr. Allen Inglis - Orthopedic Research Associate.

M.C.K.

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Miss Iris Yang receiving congratulations from Dr. Harvey for having submitted the winning name in the Research Name-a-dog contest. Mr. Leroy Wallace holds "Yrapsac"(Caspary spelled backwards).

AMONG OURSELVES

We have received a nice letter from Johana Vettoretti, a former employee now with Project Hope, who had many interesting things to say.

"Our trip from Honolulu to Djakarta was a very busy one trying to get the hospital in shape for receiving of patients-and this was quite a job as there was no other help than the nurses themselves to get down with scrub brushes and mops to clean up the wards, and scrub down the operating rooms, etc. They did a magnificent job, also in view of the fact that many shortages of supplies and equipment were discovered in the process. Before arriving in Djakarta, we were informed by radio, that quite a program had been planned for us in Djakarta-patient care as well as social events-as a matter of fact they outlined such a program-we began to wonder just how this was all to be accomplished. Well, we arrived one hot sunny day-and how it can get hot here-and it all started with a bang-we had a reception committee to greet us and then did we have to do the receiving-groups of two to five hundred people came aboard and had to be shown around. You recall the up and down there is here-and pretty soon we were all exhausted-not knowing this would not only continue to be a daily feature-but that the number would increase. On top of it all-we were informed quite suddenly we would have thirty admissions on Saturday-which was only two days after arrival. We didn't mind getting our hospital started-but this group of patients didn't arrive until afternoon-and of course we had cameramen all over the place-patients didn't have any history with them-there was a language barrier-interpreters were scarce-these people don't have two names-they don't know when they were born-they stop to think of the mates name-and so on. I had all this, as I wanted to run the admitting office the first two days, so that I would know what the problems would be and what to prepare the girls for. I sure had it! The second day-a Sunday-we got about twenty in the afternoon. During this first period in Djakarta I worked fifteen days straight without a break. To be sure I eventually got a day off for the Sunday-but our work days are Monday through Saturday (Sunday if urgent matters come up-or evenings-or anytime) 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with ½hour for lunch. Since Surabaja our hospital load has lightened considerably, so we work only ½ day on Saturday.

The cases admitted aboard have been of extreme interest in all fields of medicine. We see the most unusual kinds of tumors-and diseases-and the outstanding feature-almost all patients are infested with parasites. We find that the malignancies here are always far advanced, and while a clinical diagnosis is made, and is made accurately, there seems to be no definite treatment carried out-but at the same time these people are kept in the hospitals for long periods of time. We recently had a very interesting Teratoma in the region of the sacrum in a little boy of 8 or 9. He had been lying in a hospital for three months-the tumor had begun to ulcerate. We brought him aboard, our surgeons excised it-it was benign and he did beautifully post-operatively, and we know he will lead a normal life now.".....

W.R.B.

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